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FATHER JIM PREPARES TO LEAVE SJC

by Sharra Robertson
and Heather Hagan

Saint Joe students will be saying a sad goodbye to our chaplain, Father Jim Challancin, at the end of this semester. Father Jim has been ordered by his Bishop to return to his home Diocese to be a parish priest. As of yet, he cannot reveal the name of the area or parish he will be joining, so the mystery remains as to where he will be next fall when SJC students return to campus.

Father Jim has been the Chaplain at Saint Joe for five years but his involvement with the campus began long before that. SJC has Father Haimen, the former director of the Church Music and Liturgy Program, to thank for bringing Father Jim to us. Twelve years ago Father Haimen was looking for a director for the summer session of the church music and liturgy program. A mutual friend set them up and the rest is history.

Seven years later, Father Jim took on the role of Saint Joseph's College Chaplain. He has also helped out with many other programs at SJC. The

first two years after becoming Chaplain, he taught in Core 3 and Core 4. He has spent the last three years as the coordinator of Campus Ministry. While he has worn many hats during his time at SJC, Father Jim states that his goal has always been, "to try to make the Christian message something that will resonate with students."

The Christian message is something that has been an integral part of Father Jim's life ever since he was growing up in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He attended Northern Michigan University for two years before going to the Seminary. He stated that living in Noll Hall these past few years has made him realize that not much has changed since his college days. "The vocabulary and the topics in a men's dorm are basically the same as they were then," he commented.

Father Jim conducted his graduate work at Saint Anselm's, a Benedictine University in Rome, Italy. His time in Rome provided Father Jim with an enlightening cultural experience. "Rome is a crossroads of cultures," he stated. "To drink of that was a real free-

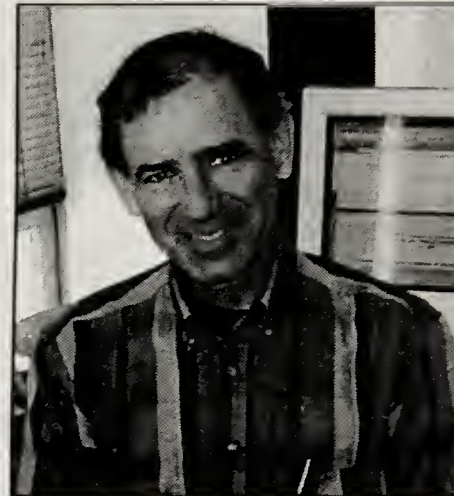


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FATHER JIM CHALLANCIN is leaving SJC after 12 years.

dom." In addition to his studies in Rome, Father Jim also had the opportunity to spend two years in Tanzania—an experience he describes as "eye opening."

When asked about the time he has spent at SJC, Father Jim smiled a bit sadly and said, "it is very difficult to let go." He said that he appreciates the time he has spent living in Noll Hall and the camaraderie that he has developed with the students. He is also pleased with

the success that he has had getting students involved in the Campus Ministry program and encouraging them to take on roles of leadership on campus.

Father Jim also believes that the students are not the only ones who have learned during his time here. He firmly believes that the students at SJC have taught him many things, including the valuable lesson that, "life is big and there are many ways of living it." He also enjoys the exuberance of the students and their "desire to do and try many things."

Though students may be saying goodbye, Father Jim will be far from forgotten once he departs. Says Katie Medvescek of Father Jim's departure, "I am very upset about it. He's just so friendly. He's just one of the guys." These feelings seem to be mirrored by many students. "I'm sad. He belongs here," stated Sandy Fisher. While SJC cannot stop Father from leaving, he will always remain in our hearts.

SJC ALUM SPEAKS OF CAREERS IN THE CHURCH

by Nick Schafer

The Alumni of Saint Joseph's College have established a long-standing tradition of support and allegiance to their alma mater. From their numerous financial contributions to their attendance of sporting events, Puma forefathers have not forgotten the college that gave so much to them; the tradition marches on.

"God always wins."
-Father Dennis Criszt, '77

On Thursday March 16th Father Dennis Criszt, a Puma graduate in the class of 1977, spoke about the various

careers within the church. Father Criszt was invited by the Career Center & Campus Ministry, and talked about both religious and lay career's within the confines of the church. As a overturn Missionaries of the Precious Blood priest of eighteen years Father Criszt now serves as the Director of Vocational Ministry for the Cincinnati Provincial House.

The discussion that followed Father Dennis's talk brought our guest speaker to point out that just because one is not a priest, brother, or sister doesn't mean that that person can't serve the church.

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FATHER DENNIS CRISZT spoke about careers in the church on March 16.

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Service Time or Serving Time?

I am writing to bring attention to the campus alcohol policy. Many of the students complain about this policy because of the fines that they have to pay, or because of the hours of service work they have to complete. What most students do not realize is that the final outcome could be a lot worse.

On a few occasions, I have heard of underage students being written up for consuming alcohol, and I know others who have witnessed this happen here at Saint Joseph's College. After being written up, the students meet with Mr. Ernest Watson, and most of them understand why they receive the punishment and/or fines they receive.

Although, there are a few students who complain about the fines and requirement of service work to be completed, what most do not realize is that if they were caught drinking anywhere else while under the legal age (most cases 21) they would be arrested for minor consumption.

So, besides having to suffer from the hangover the next day, they would also have to make a phone call to someone (most likely their parents) to let them know they are in jail. They would also need to pay the money to post bail and then have to pay the money for court costs. This does not include the punishment that they would receive from the

judge which could include such things as several hours of service work, probation, and sometimes house arrest depending on your past history.

Yes, in my opinion the students who break the rules should be punished for doing so. But, if I were a student I would not complain about the fines and service work here at Saint Joseph's College compared to the fines and possible service work I would face through the local court(s). I would rather face my punishment here than at the local jail.

*Joan K. Higgins
Secretary, Student Life*

The Sparling Lot: an A-Mazing Way to Park

I love to read the newspaper and go to the comic section. Those crossword puzzles are so much fun. The mazes in that section are even more fun. You know the mazes I am talking about. With your pencil, you have to draw a path so that the little mouse can find his way to the cheese without running into his foe, the cat.

As much as I love mazes, they should stay in the newspaper. If you are unclear of to what I am talking about, just take a ride through the Sparling parking lot. Now, you are the mouse and finding your way out is getting to the cheese. The eats in this maze are all the potholes and the cars that stick out this way and that. I call the Sparling parking lot a maze because it is very difficult to

get through just like the mouse mazes are hard to get through.



The walls of the Sparling parking lot maze are the cars that are not in the straight lines they should be in. The lines of the cars are crooked, they bend, they curve, and they even end in some cases.

Every day the people who park

in Sparling give a new maze to get through. However, it is not the people who park that are causing the trouble. The parking lot itself is what makes the parking lot a maze. The person that painted the lines for the parking lot must have been asleep the day the teacher went over angled lines.

Because of the way the lines are angled, cars are faced in different directions, which makes it close to impossible to drive down a lane in the parking lot. All I ask is that the Sparling parking lot be repainted so that all of the parking spots are angled the correct way. I get enough time to play with the mazes in the comic section of the newspaper.

Brett Heinz

Student Safety on Campus is a Big Deal

I am writing to address the security office and how they address certain issues. I don't like coming back after work when it is dark, and I have to park all the way in the back parking lot. I don't feel safe. I was told to talk to one certain person, but when I phoned this person, this person never got back to me. I am probably being a pain in the butt, but I want to feel safe on this campus, and I don't want to have to worry about always having to watch over my shoulder when I am walking to my dorm alone at night.

Whenever I talked to the security

office they seemed a little annoyed. They told me that I needed to call whenever I was getting off work, and they would pick me up to take me to my dorm. A friend of mine asked an officer if they would ever do that (give us a ride back to our dorm), and this person said "no." So why would I walk from the parking lot to wherever I could find a phone and call security when they aren't going to help me out anyway?

I am sorry, but I don't think that security here on campus does anymore than write parking tickets and drive around. They don't seem like they want to help. In

talking to the office, I feel like this isn't a big deal to them. Student safety is a big deal, and I am a student. Whether other students feel the same way or not, I don't know. But I want to feel safe, and I don't like walking alone at night. Of course, it isn't because I am afraid of the dark. Whether this opens up anyone's eyes, I don't know. I just want to express how disturbing it is to me that I don't feel security cares about helping students feel safe.

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BIG CHANGES FOR WPUM

by Amanda Grote

Big changes have taken place at WPUM Puma Rock, SJC's rock alternative radio station. The station provides live radio broadcasting to the SJC campus and surrounding Rensselaer area. Students and faculty from campus serve as DJ's. When they are not broadcasting, the station receives music from a satellite service to provide more hours of music to the listeners.

Recently, however, WPUM's satellite service, Music Channel One, went out of business, leaving WPUM's Sally Nesselrode in search of a new service. After much consideration, Nesselrode contracted Superadio out of Boston. Professor Nesselrode stated that the new service was within the station's price range, appeals to college students, and allows the station to keep its previous receiver equipment. Nesselrode has pioneered the setup of the new software needed to activate the new satellite on air. According to her, the setup process involves "production, software knowledge, timing, and being able to program breaks to the air". Once this is completed, student managers such as Marley Miller and Derek Dabrowiak will be trained to operate the equipment. The new satellite programming will include two new nationally syndicated shows. All Nite Café contemporary hit radio has a live DJ that will broadcast live via satellite on Saturday and will repeat Monday through Friday from 6pm to 5am. The second show, Open

House Party contains a dance format that will air via satellite Saturday and Sunday from 6pm to 11pm. WPUM hopes to expand its on-air season to this sum-

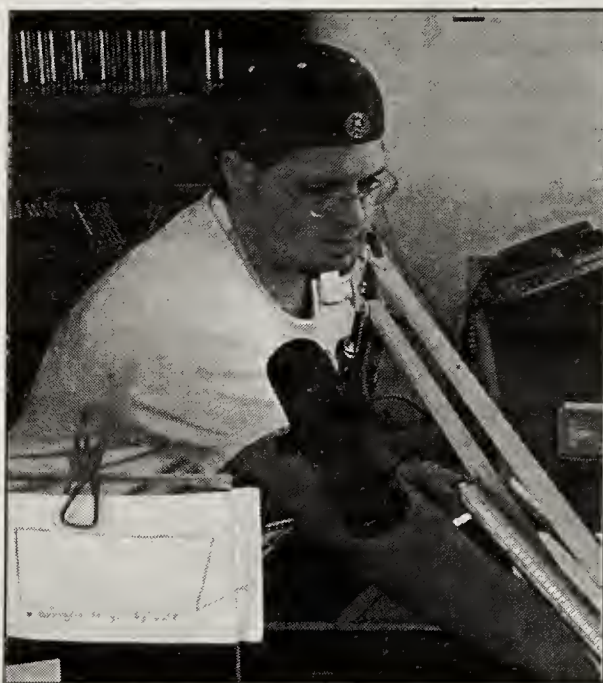


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A WPUM DJ controlling the air waves. He will be one of the many DJ's who benefit from the changes that will soon take place for the campus radio station.

mer, allowing Puma Rock to air year round. If this goes through, the station will use automated music programming on computer, called Wavestation, to fill empty space left open by the satellite programs.

Another possible change on the way

for WPUM is a station upgrade. The station is waiting for FCC approval to upgrade the station's power from 10 to 1000 watts. The decision should be made by late April. If approved, the station will have to change its frequency. So far, WPUM has applied for 91.5 to replace the current 90.5. Along with the new frequency could come some other changes as well. One of the station's managers, Derek Dabrowiak said, "We will look into a new image and logo but nothing will be implemented right now." Derek is working on the new look as part of his senior seminar project. If the project meets his expectations, he hopes to present it to the Communications Department faculty at the end of April.

As far as technology goes, SJC is certainly keeping with the times in the radio department. The station has recently installed a new computer system that allows DJ's to play commercial breaks and PSA's through the computer. Gone are the days of cueing tapes and juggling between CD's and the tape deck. Now all the DJ simply has to do is click and drag to set up a

commercial break, which will play at the touch of the spacebar. When asked about her opinion of the new system, Marley Miller, WPUM DJ and Manager said, "Using the computer gives the students a glimpse of how radio works in the real world. It's good preparation for the future and it gives us a good idea of the kinds of technology available."

According to Sally Nesselrode, "Every DJ on the air has learned the computer system quickly and easily. The feedback I've been hearing is that they love it."

Another exciting change for WPUM is that the station is now being broadcast around the world via the World Wide Web. The station can be accessed through a link on the SJC homepage at www.saintjoe.edu. There are several driving factors behind this new development. Now parents can listen to their children as DJ's on the air, they can listen to live broadcasts of Puma sports in case they can't make it to the game, and alumni from SJC can check in from time to time with their alma mater. Listeners from anywhere in the world can now e-mail their feedback to the station at WPUM@saintjoe.edu. Sally Nesselrode says, "Managing the station takes a lot of work, patience, planning, and flexibility.... The long range plan for WPUM is to go all digital, but it takes one step at a time, and that's where we are now."

HALAS AND GALLAGHER RENOVATIONS ARE READY TO GO

by Christopher Herrell

As the year winds down it is time to start talking of the changes that will be made over this coming summer. Gallagher and Halas residence halls will be the first and only two dorms to be renovated during the summer months.

Why these two dorms?

These renovations will provide an excellent setting for the "in-between students": the students who are neither seniors nor freshmen. "These new changes will give students something to look forward too. They will have more options. They can move up so to speak. Starting in a regular dorm, moving to

Gallagher or Halas and then the Apartments." Marcus Jackson explained.

Halas and Gallagher Hall will be open to those who are of sophomore status or higher. In other words, no freshmen! The rooms will be set up in a communal type atmosphere. Two people will share two rooms; each room will have air conditioning, and the ability to manually control the temperature. New carpet will also be laid, painting will be done, the bathrooms will be re-tiled and the plumbing will be fixed.

As well as these things, there will also be expanding the washing facilities, meaning more dryers and washing ma-

chines. There will also be a guest/handicapped bathroom added to the first floor of each residence hall. The intensive study floors have been moved from Halas third and Gallagher third to Bennet Second, and Justin Third East, respectively. These dorms will also remain under the same drinking policy as the rest of the campus: none will be allowed.

"This arrangement will allow the students to have more living space, and more private. Hopefully it will bring about more community oriented living." Andrea Reusser stated. The hopes are high and the optimism is pointed in the right direction.

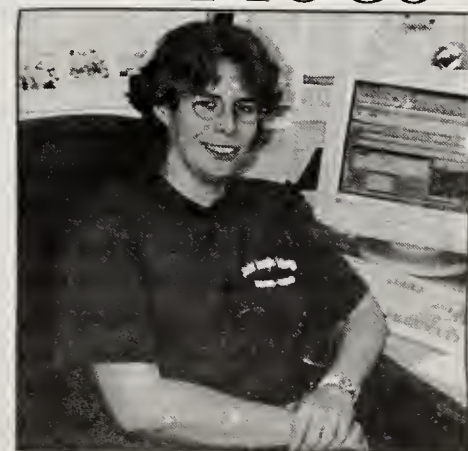


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ANDREA REUSSER is assisting with the changes occurring in the Halas and Gallagher residence halls.

Study Abroad program takes off

Opportunities abound for students seeking overseas experience

—by Christopher Herrell—

Have you ever dreamed of studying impressionistic art in France, learning about the Aztecs in Mexico, or even checking out a real windmill in the Netherlands? These dreams can come true thanks to the study abroad program here at Saint Joseph's College.

A study abroad program has always been available here, though information has not always been readily at hand. This year professor Piper Hodson of the political science department has taken over the position of Director of International Studies. She has already helped two students travel to England and one to study sea turtles in Baja, Mexico.

To be eligible to study abroad, a student must be at least a second semester sophomore with a 2.5 G.P.A. "We like to wait until this time because by then you have a major, and a steady academic advisor. These things make the transfer much easier on everyone," Hodson stated.

She added that students do not have to be able to speak another language in order to participate. There are many English speaking schools overseas. "We don't run our own study abroad program, but we can work in connection with thousands of programs that are available," Hodson said. "We can find a place for everyone." Granada, Vienna, and Paris are just a few of the places one can study.

As for the cost of studying abroad, "It's about the same as going to school here. State and government aid also can be transferred. In some cases scholarships can also be transferred," Hodson said.

According to the Open Doors, a study abroad statistical breakdown, 113,959 American students studied abroad last year – an increase of 15 percent over the past years. The leading destinations for students are Western Europe, mainly England, Spain, and Italy. The statistics also show that students are heading out to more culturally diverse sections of the world such as China, Israel, and Costa Rica.

But why study abroad? Why leave our safe corner of Northwest Indiana to go someplace you may have never heard of? For adventure, for the

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—Piper Hodson

life experience, and also for the fact that many employers are looking for people who have studied abroad. "When you study abroad you learn a lot about yourself," Hodson stated. "You also reflect on your own culture and gain awareness of another culture. It shows employers that you can go to an unfamiliar place and still do your job."

If you are interested in studying abroad, you can learn more about the opportunities available by visiting <http://www.studyabroad.com> or you can contact Professor Piper Hodson.

Alcohol Policy undergoes changes

At their March 15 meeting, the Saint Joseph's College faculty approved a number of significant changes to the school's ever-changing alcohol policy. These modifications included the following: 1) Parental notification after second violation; 2) enrollment in Lab Alcohol Course and mandated counseling sessions after the third violation; and 3) Permission for students who are 21 years of age and older to consume alcoholic beverages in the Village Suite Apartments when minors are not present (with the exception that kegs, or equivalent quantities of alcohol, are not permitted).

Having been passed by the Student Senate and the Faculty, the policy will now go to the Board of Trustees for final approval. Below is the portion of the policy dealing with sanctions, as it was passed by the faculty. All new provisions are printed in bold type.

Alcohol Related Sanctions Policy

Level 1 - First Offense

- * Disciplinary Warning
- * \$10.00 disciplinary fine
- * Fine for quantity
- * Alcohol 101 CD (If CD is not completed, a letter will be placed in the individual's file noting the failure to complete the CD)

Level 2 - Second Offense

- * Disciplinary Warning
- * \$25.00 disciplinary fine
- * Fine for quantity
- * 8 hours of community service @ \$5.00 per hour
- * **Counseling Sessions may be mandated at the direction of the Vice President for Student Affairs**
- * Parental/Guardian Notification

Level 3 - Third Offense

- * Disciplinary Warning
- * \$50.00 disciplinary fine
- * Fine for quantity
- * 8 hours of community service @ \$5.00 per hour
- * **Counseling Services - three mandated sessions**
- * Parental/Guardian Notification
- * **Enroll in and complete SJC Lab Alcohol Course within two semesters**

Level 4 - Fourth Offense

- * Suspension from College for remainder of the semester
- * Re-enrollment will be determined on successful completion of an approved rehabilitation course or treatment plan.

'SJC Alum' (continued from pg. 1)

Our guest follower of Saint Gaspar listed the following as possible career's within the church: Missionary Work, Lay ministers, Director of Religious Education, Catholic School Teachers, and even College Prof's that teach at a religiously

affiliated college such as SJC.

When asked by one student, "How one would know if they were doing the right thing with their life?" Father Dennis replied, "God always wins. It just may take a little longer with some people."

Planning underway for Class of 2004 Orientation Weekend

—by Mandy Meyers—

As the school year comes to a close, it is time once again to begin preparations for next fall. Already well under way is the planning of orientation weekend for the incoming freshman class.

Dean of Freshman Marge McIlwain is now in her third year of heading up the orientation planning. For this coming fall, she has orientation weekend filled with fun events for the class of 2004.

However, McIlwain cannot do this alone. To assist her in this task she has chosen 24 students to be Freshman Leaders. They will not only run and organize the events planned, but will also co-teach a seminar class with an assigned advisor.

The weekend will start off with Opening Mass on Thursday. On Friday the fun will begin with the freshmen meeting their seminar group and leader. In the afternoon, Puma Olympics will be held on the IM field. Wrapping up the day will be the annual picnic in President Shannon's backyard. The photo scavenger hunt with all the seminar groups will be on Saturday

and a picnic with the professors will be held afterwards. Lastly on Sunday, a campus ministry event is tentatively scheduled.

To supplement the daytime activities planned for orientation weekend, the Student Union Board has also planned activities for after hours. On Thursday night, the freshmen will participate in an ice-breaker activity somewhat similar to Play Fair. The orientation committee decided to consider an alternative to Play Fair this year due to the sometimes negative response that that activity has received.

Friday is Monte Carlo night, which will be followed by an outdoor movie. There will then be a DJ on Saturday night, with karaoke. Finishing the weekend off, a comedian or a hypnotist will be here on Sunday night.

Freshman Leader Tara Hairston thinks that the weekend will be a lot of fun. "I feel being a freshman leader gives students an opportunity to contribute to SJC by working with first year students. We can share our experiences and offer some sense of perspective on what it is to be a Saint Joe student."

Senate Update

The following proposals have recently been approved by the SJC Senate:

* S.A. Vice President Chris Campbell's proposal of a back-to-school event involving community support and offering a variety of activities, i.e. bands, novelty games, carnival rides, etc.
(to view the entire proposal, visit the SA website at www.saintjoe.edu/~sa)

S.A. President Phil Schroeder's proposal to allocate \$5 per year per student in support of the new Fitness Center.

SUB Update

SUB is planning the following events to coincide with Little 500 weekend:

* Thursday, April 13 - Mr. Puma

* Saturday, April 15 - Transender

* Saturday, April 15 - Battle of the Bands



—by Don Shanahan—

Very few, if any, legal dramas feature gorgeous women. They mostly have over-the-hill, bald men. *A Civil Action* didn't have any. Neither did, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. *Erin Brockovich*, the latest legal drama to hit theaters, has Julia Roberts! Not many legal dramas and make us laugh more than cry. *Erin Brockovich* does. Did I mention that it also has Julia Roberts?!

Julia Roberts is America's leading lady and the #1 female box office draw. After a string of big hits such as *Pretty Woman*, *My Best Friend's Wedding*, *Notting Hill* and *Runaway Bride*, she's the epitome of a glamorous Hollywood star. Call her a pretty face, but in *Erin Brockovich* she becomes Julia Roberts, serious actress.

Roberts stars in the title role as Erin, a struggling single mother of three who cannot find a job to support her family. A hard worker and a knockout at

Pretty Woman! Julia Roberts strikes again in *Erin Brockovich*

the same time, Erin speaks her mind (most colorfully, by the way) and doesn't take any crap from anyone.

After getting injured in a car accident, she tries to get compensation with the help of crusty old attorney, Ed Masry (played by Albert Finney), a personal injury and real estate lawyer. She loses. After an unsuccessful trip through the want ads, she demands help and then a job from Masry. Masry is forced, more or less, to take her on as a secretary and Brockovich sets the office on fire with her sharp tongue, push-up bras, and short skirts. The situations she gets herself into are hilarious.

It is in filing case files that Erin comes across a suspicious real estate case from the small village of Hinkley - *California vs. Pacific Gas & Electric*. Mixed with what looks like a real estate deal are results of water chemical tests and health bills. Erin decides to investigate this further, driving to Hinkley, and befriending many of the residents. Deeper and deeper and without a shred of legal experience, she discovers multiple cases of water-related health problems and deaths in the town and also evidence of possible illegal chemical dumping in the local water supply. She takes

the case to Masry and they eventually take it to court to fight for medical compensation and cleanup from PG&E.

By pouring her heart and soul into the case, her job pulls her away from home hurting her family life and her relationship with her gentle biker confidant George, played by Aaron Eckhart (*Any Given Sunday*). Through all the ups and downs and years of working alone, she remains determined to stand by the people of Hinkley.

Erin Brockovich is based on a true story and an actual person. This is by far the best acting performance ever given by Julia Roberts, a two-time Oscar nominee. If this early spring performance can be remembered over this year, many critics agree that Roberts definitely deserves an Oscar nomination for 2001. Old-school relic Albert Finney also puts in a fantastic performance as Ed Masry. The movie itself, directed by Steven Soderbergh of *Out of Sight*, though long at 2 ½ hours, is actually very slick and very funny. If you're looking for a good-hearted film that you can laugh and cheer for, then don't pass up *Erin Brockovich*.

Rob Burns Student by Day, Coach by Night

by Jill Masters

Saint Joseph's College has a new men's soccer coach. Athletic Director Bill Massoels has named Saint Joseph's senior Rob Burns as the new coach for the Pumas.

"One day Massoels approached me and said that I should think about applying for the job. I thought about it and asked my friends and family what they thought," Burns said. After weighing the possibilities, Burns decided to accept the position.

Burns is no stranger to the sport of soccer, let alone the program at Saint Joseph's College. He has played for the past 18 years. During the past four years at Saint Joseph's, he has started and played in every game (since his freshman year in 1996).

But it was time to hang up the cleats. He knew that his career was over and it was time to begin coaching younger athletes and teaching the skills and techniques that he has acquired over the years from playing the sport that he loves.

This is not the first time that Burns has coached. He has coached little kids, high school students, club teams, and has even worked soccer

camp. Burns said that his favorite level to coach is the high school level.

"You have to work hard to earn their respect, but it is worth it when you do. To watch them take what they have learned and apply it on the field is a huge rush."

As with many athletes it will be for Burns to sit by and let others do what has become a major part of life. There are frustrating times, and then there are the fun times, the times of celebration and victory. Burns is ready to take the next step, the step of coaching a collegiate team.

"The biggest difference between being a player and being a coach (at the collegiate level), is the many different hats and the carrying of different faces," Burns said. "As a player, all I had to do was put the shoes on and go to it. Now, as a coach, I have to do all the paperwork and recruiting along with coaching."

"I want to finish the recruiting for next year and spend more of my efforts with spring season. I need and want our team to be mentally and physically prepared for next year. I want to give every team that we play a run for their money."

Athletic Shorts

by Clark Teuscher

After a top 30 preseason national ranking, the Puma baseball team is struggling in its early season with a 12-14 record. Saint Joseph's has gone 3-5 since returning from their spring break trip to Florida, where they went 6-5 to even the season count at 9-9. The first Great Lakes Valley Conference games for the Pumas took place this past weekend, with SJC dropping two games to SIU Edwardsville (3-2, 9-0) and splitting a doubleheader with Southern Indiana (lost 5-2, won 9-5) to begin conference play at 1-3. Kris Regas and Keith Nawrocki are leading the Pumas on the pitchers' mound with three wins apiece. Saint Joseph's still has plenty of time to turn things around until the GLVC Tournament, being held May 12-14.

The men's tennis team has also suffered a rocky beginning to its season, posting an 0-6 record to open play. Greg Gulvas and Mike Parrish are the only Puma netters to post victories this season, each taking a match against Chicago State on February 27. The men will have a busy weekend, taking on Missouri-St. Louis at 3pm Friday and Quincy (9am) and SIU Edwardsville (2pm) on Saturday. All three matches will take place at St. Joseph's.

Outdoor Track Season Begins Strong

by Clark Teuscher

After a successful indoor season, the men's and women's outdoor track and field campaign for 2000 is underway. The season began with relay meets at Wabash and Huntington. The Pumas performed well in all disciplines and brought home several awards.

The Wabash Relays were held March 18 and the Pumas got outstanding performances all day long from several different athletes. Jared Weller and Shana Wyatt won the men's and women's 10,000-meter runs, with Weller's time (32:50) narrowly missing head coach Bill Massoels' school record of 32:48. Wyatt's time was 41:29.

Other winners for the men included the steeplechase medley relay (15:07), the 4x1600 relay (18:54) and the long jump relay of Jason Johnson and Josh Hughes (43'4.25"). The steeplechase and 4x1600 relays featured the same team of Matt Stout, Ben Zimmer, Tim Newman and Clark Teuscher.

Second place finishers included Cory Walters and Joe Graves in the pole vault relay (23'6"), Koczan and Brad Bonkoski in the shot put relay (89'8"), Johnson in the 400 meter hurdles (57.61), Thomas and Koczan's discus relay (272'9") and the 4x400

relay (3:28).

Third place finishers included Jeff Barker in the 10,000 (33:51), the 4x800 relay (8:24), the sprint medley (3:51) and Josh Hughes in the high jump (6'2").

The field event relays were conducted by combining the best throws of a team's top two competitors.

For the women, victories were recorded by the 4x100 relay (52.66), Dana Collins in the 100 meter hurdles (14.91), Becky Garza and Kim Noon in the hammer (257'2") and discus (225'10"), Melissa Kleinmaus and Lindsay Bridwell's triple jump relay (61'4.5"), Garza and Kelli Deckard in the shot put (74'), and Kleinmaus in the 400 meter hurdles (1:08.46). Collins' time in the hurdles bettered her own meet record in the event.

Second-place finishers for the Lady Pumas were Sarah Flory in the 10,000 (42:36), Anne Balmes in the pole vault (6'6"), Jamie Marshall in the 400 hurdles (1:11.65) and Kim Noon in the javelin (115'11.5"). Noon established a school record with her throw.

The Lady Pumas were named the outstanding team of the meet, with Collins winning the Female Track Athlete of the Meet award and Noon taking home Female Field Athlete of the Meet honors. The men's team finished a close second to DePauw for team honors. Matt Stout was named Male Track Athlete of the Meet.

The Huntington College Invitational was held on March 25, and due to a stiff wind of about 30 miles per hour that was constant almost all day, several performances were hampered. Still, the men's 4x400 team managed to come home victorious (3:29), and Kleinmaus' win in the 400 hurdles was a season's best (1:07.07).

The men's shuttle hurdle relay (1:04.8) and Clark Teuscher (10:07 in the steeplechase) recorded second place finishes, while the women's 4x200 (1:54), 4x400 (4:33) and 4x800 (10:52) all finished third overall.

Next up for the track teams is the Gerry England Invitational at the University of Indianapolis on April 1. The St. Joseph's women won the meet last year, while the host Greyhounds are the defending men's champion.

Upcoming SJC Athletic Events

Thursday March 30

Baseball @ Saint Xavier 2:30pm

Friday March 31

**Men's Tennis vs. Missouri St. Louis
At 3:00pm**

Saturday April 1

Baseball @ Indianapolis (DH) Noon

Softball @ Wisconsin Parkside 1:00pm

Track @ Indianapolis 9:00am

Men's Tennis vs. Quincy (H) 9:00am

Sunday April 2

Baseball @ Indianapolis 1:00pm

Softball vs. Lewis 1:00pm

**Men's Tennis vs. SIU Edwardsville
10:00am**

All-American Just Might Do It Again

SJC Sports Information Press Release

The Women's Basketball Coach Association (WBCA), in cooperation with Eastman Kodak Company, has announced the finalists for the 2000 Division II Kodak Women's All-America Basketball Team. The 40 finalists, who are voted upon by WBCA member coaches in each of the eight WBCA geographical districts, are now in the running for election to the 10-member Kodak All-America Team. SJC senior forward Angie Hupfer (Pendleton, IN/Pendleton Heights) is one the 40 finalists and one of the five representatives from District 4 in the running for selection to the 10-member Kodak All-America Team. Hupfer started in all 26 games for the Lady Pumas this season and averaged 25.3 points per game (which currently leads all Division II scorers in the nation). She grabbed 8.8 rebounds per game while shooting 49.2% from the field, 32.4% from three's and 79% from the charity stripe. The senior tri-captain dished out 44 assists, blocked 18 shots and recorded 48

Lady Puma Softball "Appears Strong"

by Chrissy Scafidie

"I think they have a lot of potential this year," explained Camie Bechtold, assistant Athletic Director, about this year's Saint Joseph's softball team. Bechtold temporarily helped coach the team because former coaches Kevin Furnish and Mark Settle accepted positions elsewhere.

Bechtold and the Lady Pumas headed to Florida the week of Spring Break. They finished with a record of 2 and 8, but overall played quite well.

Bechtold commented, "I think they got tired towards the end of the week. Mentally, they weren't into it because they were in a different environment than we're used to. It was the first time they played outside, it was hot and sunny, and they're not used to playing in those kinds of conditions."

At the beginning of the week, the team was hitting and playing well and it showed in the two games that they won over Lock Haven and Shippensburg. They also played some really tight games and just ended up falling a bit short. They have lost four games this season by two runs or less.

"Although their record didn't show it, I think that our girls were pretty happy with their performance. I was happy with the performance, and I think assistant coach Bob Hanna, who was down there with us, was too," added Bechtold.

As for the rest of the season so far, according to Bechtold, the team is playing really well. After losing four more games upon their return, the Lady Pumas have won five of their last six. Their record stands at 7-13 overall and 3-5 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

steals for the 6-20 Lady Pumas.

Hupfer earlier this season was named the 1999-2000 Women's Division II Bulletin Preseason Player of the Year. She has already been named to the 1999-2000 First Team All-Great Lakes Valley Conference for the third time and to the 1999-2000 Daktronics, Inc. All-Great Lakes Region Second.

Last season, Hupfer was named to three All-American First Teams including Kodak, Daktronics and Women's Division II Bulletin and the All-Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Year. The Pendleton, Indiana, native has also been named twice to the GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-District V Second Team (1998-99, 1999-2000). She also has been named to the Academic All-Great Lakes Valley Conference Team three times.

In career statistics at Saint Joseph's

"They are hitting really well right now, their pitching is strong, and defensively they're doing pretty well. There's been a few mental errors here and there, but that just comes with the beginning of the season."

Some noteworthy freshmen who are helping with the team's success are catcher and outfielder Rachel Meier, catcher Niki Pecho and outfielder Lauren Roberts.

"Nikki still has some things to learn but she's doing really well and hitting great. Lauren also is doing well—she's got a heck of an arm," Bechtold explains.

The team also looks towards seniors Jill Lagerhausen, Kristy Langen, Candice Layman, and Stacey DeHaven for leadership.

"Jill is their number one pitcher at this point and Stacey is pitching, playing designated hitter, and playing a bit of first base for them this year. Candice is splitting time at third base (with another teammate) and always motivates the girls," said Bechtold.

The Lady Pumas have had to handle many changes this year because of the change in coaching staff, but overall they appear strong. Bechtold said, "The girls are handling being thrown into new coaches really well. I think they are probably the most talented group we've had in a while, and now that they have some stability in their coaching I think they'll do fine."

Overall, the girls want to be a competitive team, be taken seriously, and get to the conference tournament. Bechtold concludes, "I think getting to the conference tournament right now is the main goal and I think it's achievable with the players we have out there and the way they've been playing."

College, Hupfer ranks in the top ten in four categories. She is the Lady Pumas' all-time leading scorer with 2,510 points and is the second all-time leading rebounder with 1,016 rebounds. Hupfer is 6th in steals with 212 6th in blocked shots with 48.

The Division II Kodak Women's All-America Basketball Team will be announced later this month.



What's the Big Deal?

It's that time of year again. Spring flowers are starting to bloom, the weather is becoming nicer, and the end of the year is quickly approaching. Coming up we have Little 500 weekend, the Bennett Volleyball Tournament, and Mr. Puma contest. I almost left something out. The Spring Formal. Ah, yes, that's it.

Let's ponder that idea for a minute. What exactly is a spring formal here at Saint Joe? It's usually a dance that takes place in the ballroom- a place that could easily fit 300, but usually only sees 100. Needless to say, the evening looks quite bare. Next, students usually don't start to arrive until they have had enough to drink, which is anytime after 10 PM. Then we get to the attire for the evening. We have those who just came from their high school prom, some with a cute casual dress while their date is in khakies, and those who show up in jeans or shorts, completely drunk with only a half hour left of the dance. Boy that sounds like a formal, and fun too.

But let's be realistic here. How many people have time to go home and get clothes for ANY dance? Not many, especially if you don't find out about the event in enough time. However someone thought about this and thought that it would be fun to just go in our pajamas, not worry about what we had to wear

or buying something new. But this caused an uproar. Oh no, something different. We're breaking 'tradition' is what some students said.

So here is my advice. First, don't EVER buy anything unless you know the date and theme of the dance. Make sure you see a flyer or an announcement on the message of the day. Don't assume that it's a formal just because your best friend who happens to be in the Senate told you so.

Second, look at where you go to school. This is St. Joe, not some Big Ten school like IU. It seems like peoples' expectations of things are sometimes completely out of reach. Be happy with what you are given. I mean no one said there had to be a dance.

Lastly, this is a DANCE people, not a fashion show. No one cares what about what you are going to be wearing. You are going to have a good time and dance, correct? You're not going to see who has the best dress and what couple looks the cutest. That was high school.

So if you're here on April 1st, go to the pajama dance. Granted it is something different, but it's still a school event. And we all know that we don't have many school events that draw large groups of students. So instead of complaining, get out and dance. If you stop worrying about what you're going to wear, I'm sure you'll have a good time.

~Mandy Meyers

...?DID YOU KNOW?...

Some of the most famous criminals in the world were known to be quite courteous; John Dillinger being one - graciously tipping his hat to the female bank tellers he was about to rob. In the 17th century, the French-born highwayman Claude Duval is said to have been very charming during hold-ups on the English country roads: he would dance with the ladies before making off with their money and jewellery. Going a step further was John Clavel, who published a leaflet on the habits of criminals. He advised people not to be on the road on Sundays, it being the most popular day for hold-ups-including his own best day for business.

~info by didyouknow.com

The True Competitor

To give your all
only to be told it's not
enough,

To try your hardest and fail,
To be so close to the end
and stabbed in the back
by a friend,

To give your heart
only to have it stepped on
so another may succeed,

To pick up the fragments of your
broken dreams and move on to
succeed.

~Nicholas Schafer

April Fool's Day!

In sixteenth-century France, the start of the new year was observed on April first. It was celebrated in much the same way as it is today with parties and dancing into the late hours of the night. Then in 1562, Pope Gregory introduced a new calendar for the Christian world, and the new year fell on January first. There were some people, however, who hadn't heard or didn't believe the change in the date, so they continued to celebrate New Year's Day on April first. Others played tricks on them and called them "April fools." They sent them on a "fool's errand" or tried to make them believe that something false was true.

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**"The first of April is the
day we remember what we
are the other 364 days of
the year."**

~Mark Twain

Painted Rainbows

*True love fell through the tracks
of cruel reality's dreams,
And the painter laughs
at Monday's shade of fate
deep green-almost black-
It runs across the sky,
while rainbows fall to the earth
and blood-red
shattered
die.*

~anonymous